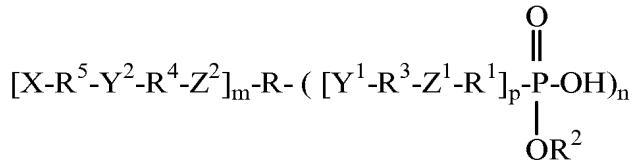


### **Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

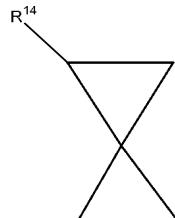
1. (Currently Amended) A liquid composition comprising a non-polymeric acid having protein and calcium-precipitating properties, an organic polymer which has carboxyl and/or hydroxyl groups, a film forming component, and a solvent, said composition having a pH value in the range of from ~~1 to 3~~ 1.5 to 3.5.
2. (Previously Presented) Composition according to claim 1, wherein the composition contains an acid which has a solubility of 0.5 to 20 wt.-% in water or in a mixture of 50 wt.-% water and 50 wt.-% ethanol.
3. (Canceled)
4. (Previously Presented) Composition according to claim 1, wherein the acid is a carboxylic acid, sulphonic acid and/or phosphonic acid.
5. (Withdrawn) Composition according to claim 4, wherein the phosphonic acid has a formula



in which

- n is 1, 2, 3 or 4,
- m is 0, 1 or 2,
- p is 0 or 1,
- R is a straight-chained or branched aliphatic hydrocarbon radical with 1 to 12 carbon atoms or an aromatic hydrocarbon radical with 6 to 12 carbon atoms or an aliphatic/aromatic hydrocarbon radical with 7 to 16 carbon atoms, which can be substituted by OH, NH<sub>2</sub> and/or COOR<sup>6</sup>,
- R<sup>1</sup> is a C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>12</sub> alkylene, C<sub>4</sub> to C<sub>12</sub> cycloalkylene, C<sub>6</sub> to C<sub>12</sub> arylene or C<sub>7</sub> to C<sub>16</sub> alkylenearylene radical, which can be substituted by OH, NH<sub>2</sub> and/or COOR<sup>6</sup>, or is absent,

- $R^2$  is H, a C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>6</sub> alkyl or a phenyl radical,
- $R^3, R^4$  each mean, independently of each other, a C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>12</sub> alkylene, C<sub>6</sub> to C<sub>12</sub> arylene or C<sub>7</sub> to C<sub>16</sub> alkylenearylene radical, which can be substituted by methyl, phenyl or fluorine, or are absent,
- $R^5$  is  $-CH=CR^{13}-$ , a prop-1-ene-1, 3-diyl, C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>6</sub> alkenylene, C<sub>3</sub> to C<sub>9</sub> cycloalkylene, C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>6</sub> alkylene or phenylene radical or a group of formula



- $R^6$  is H, a C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>6</sub> alkyl or a phenyl radical,
- $Z^1, Z^2$  each mean, independently of each other, CO-O, CO-NR<sup>7</sup>, O-CO-NH, O, NH, S or are absent,
- $Y^1, Y^2$  each mean, independently of each other, O, CO-O, CO-NR<sup>8</sup>, O-CO-NH or are absent,
- $R^7, R^8$  each mean, independently of each other, H, or a C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>6</sub> alkyl radical,
- X is H, CN, N(R<sup>9</sup>)<sub>2</sub>, OR<sup>10</sup>, COOR<sup>11</sup> or CONR<sub>2</sub><sup>12</sup>,
- $R^9, R^{10}, R^{11}, R^{12}$  each mean, independently of each other, H, a C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>10</sub> alkyl or a phenyl radical,
- $R^{13}$  is H or a methyl radical,
- $R^{14}$  is H or a C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>10</sub> alkyl, vinyl or phenyl radical.

6. (Withdrawn) Composition according to claim 5, wherein
- n is 1 or 2 and/or
- m is 1 and/or
- p is 0 and/or
- R is an aliphatic straight-chained or branched mono- to pentavalent alkane radical with 1 to 7 carbon atoms, an aromatic hydrocarbon radical with 6 carbon atoms or an aliphatic/aromatic hydrocarbon radical with 8 carbon atoms and/or
- $R^1$  is a methylene or ethylene radical or is absent and/or
- $R^2$  is H, a methyl or ethyl radical and/or

$R^3, R^4$  each mean, independently of each other, a methylene, ethylene, trimethylene, p-phenylene, ethylidene, 1-methylene ethane-1,2-diyl radical or are absent and/or

$R^5$  is a methylene, ethylene, trimethylene, ethane-1, 2-diyl, methylethylene, prop-1-ene-1, 3-diyl, or a cyclopropylidene radical monosubstituted in 2 position or is absent and/or

$R^6$  is H and/or

$Z^1, Z^2$  each mean, independently of each other, CO-O, O-CO-NH or O or are absent and/or

$Y^1, Y^2$  each mean, independently of each other, O, CO-O or CO-NR<sup>8</sup> or are absent and/or

$R^7, R^8$  each mean, independently of each other, H or a methyl or ethyl radical and/or

$X$  is H, CN, COOR<sup>11</sup> or CONR<sub>2</sub><sup>12</sup> and/or

$R^9, R^{10}, R^{11}, R^{12}$  each mean, independently of each other, H or a methyl, ethyl or phenyl radical and/or

$R^{13}$  is H or a methyl radical,

$R^{14}$  is H or a vinyl or phenyl radical.

7. (Withdrawn) Composition according to claim 5, wherein

$n$  is 1,

$m$  is 1,

$p$  is 0,

$R$  is a C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>3</sub> alkylene or phenylene radical,

$R^2$  is H,

$R^4$  is a branched or straight-chained C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>6</sub> alkylene radical which can be substituted by 1 to 2 fluorine atoms and/or 1 phenyl radical or is absent,

$R^5$  is a 1-methylene ethane-1, 2-diyl radical,

$Z^2$  is absent,

$Y^2$  is O or is absent,

$X$  is COOR<sup>11</sup> and

$R^{11}$  is H or a C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>5</sub> alkyl or phenyl radical.

8. (Withdrawn) Composition according to claim 5, wherein

$n$  is 2,

m is 2,  
p is 1,  
R is a quadrivalent aliphatic, aromatic, or aliphatic-aromatic hydrocarbon radical with 2 to 12 carbon atoms,  
 $R^1$  is absent,  
 $R^2$  is H,  
 $R^3$  is a  $C_1$  to  $C_3$  alkylene or phenylene radical or is absent,  
 $R^4$  is a branched or straight-chained  $C_1$  to  $C_6$  alkylene radical which can be substituted by 1 to 2 fluorine atoms and/or 1 phenyl radical or is absent,  
 $R^5$  is a 1-methylene ethane-1, 2-diyl radical,  
 $Z^1, Z^2$  are absent,  
 $Y^1$  is absent,  
 $Y^2$  is O or is absent,  
X is  $COOR^{11}$  and  
 $R^{11}$  is H or a  $C_1$  to  $C_5$  alkyl or phenyl radical.

9. (Withdrawn) Composition according to claim 4, wherein the carboxylic acid is maleic acid and/or trichloroacetic acid.

10. (Withdrawn) Composition according to claim 4, wherein the sulphonic acid is sulphosalicylic acid (2-hydroxy-5-sulphobenzoic acid).

11. (Previously Presented) Composition according to claim 1, containing from 1 to 4 different acids.

12. (Previously Presented) Composition according to claim 1, wherein the polymer is a polysaccharide, a polyethylene glycol, a polyacrylic acid, a polyacrylamide, a polyvinylpyrrolidine or a mixture thereof.

13. (Withdrawn) Composition according to claim 12, wherein the polymer is a mixture of polyethylene glycol dimethacrylate and polyacrylic acid.

14. (Previously Presented) Composition according to claim 1, further containing fluoride ions.

15. (Previously Presented) Composition according to claim 1, further containing a potassium ion-releasing compound.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Previously Presented) Composition according to claim 1, wherein the film-forming component is hydroxypropyl cellulose.

18. (Previously Presented) Composition according to claim 1, containing

0.5 to 40 wt.-%	phosphonic acid and/or
1.0 to 40 wt.-%	carboxyl and/or hydroxyl-group-containing polymer and/or
0.5 to 30 wt.-%	of a film-forming component and/or
0.1 to 1.0 wt.-%	fluoride ions and/or
0.1 to 10 wt.-%	potassium ions and
0 to 97.8 wt.-%	solvent.

19. (Previously Presented) Composition according to claim 18, further containing from 0.1 to 1.0 wt.-% flavourings.

20. (Previously Presented) Composition according to claim 18, wherein the solvent is a mixture of ethanol and water.

21. (Withdrawn) Composition according to claim 18, containing

1 to 5 wt.-%	of at least one phosphonic acid,
3 to 7 wt.-%	polyacrylic acid,
15 to 25 wt.-%	polyethylene glycol dimethacrylate,
3 to 7 wt.-%	hydroxypropyl cellulose,
0.1 to 1.0 wt.-%	potassium fluoride,
0.05 to 0.2 wt.-%	flavouring and
53.8 to 76.9 wt.-%	ethanol/water mixture (approx. 50 wt.-%).

22. (Withdrawn) Kit containing an acid and in spatially separated form thereof an organic, carboxyl and/or hydroxyl-group-containing polymer.

23. (Withdrawn) Kit according to claim 22, wherein the acid is applied to a brush.

24. (Withdrawn) Kit according to claim 22, containing a solution of the polymer, the composition of which is measured such that, when the solution is combined with the acid of the kit, a composition containing

0.5 to 40 wt.-%	phosphonic acid and/or
1.0 to 40 wt.-%	carboxyl and/or hydroxyl-group-containing polymer and/or
0.5 to 30 wt.-%	of a film-forming component and/or
0.1 to 1.0 wt.-%	fluoride ions and/or
0.1 to 10 wt.-%	potassium ions and
0 to 97.8 wt.-%	solvent

is obtained.

25. (Withdrawn) Kit according to claim 22, wherein the acid and polymer are housed in different chambers of a double-chambered vessel.

26. (Withdrawn) A method for the precipitation of protein comprising combining the composition of claim 1 with a protein solution.

27. (Previously Presented) A method for the desensitization of teeth comprising applying the composition of claim 1 to a tooth.

28. (Canceled).

29. (Previously Presented) Composition according to claim 1, wherein the pH value is in the range of from 2 to 3.

30-32. (Canceled).

33. (New) The method according to claim 27, wherein the composition contains an acid which has a solubility of 0.5 to 20 wt.-% in water or in a mixture of 50 wt.-% water and 50 wt.-% ethanol.

34. (New) The method according to claim 27, wherein the acid is a carboxylic acid, sulphonic acid and/or phosphonic acid.

35. (New) The method according to claim 27, wherein the composition contains from 1 to 4 different acids.

36. (New) The method according to claim 27, wherein the polymer is a polysaccharide, a polyethylene glycol, a polyacrylic acid, a polyacrylamide, a polyvinylpyrrolidine or a mixture thereof.

37. (New) The method according to claim 27, wherein the composition further contains fluoride ions.

38. (New) The method according to claim 27, wherein the composition further contains a potassium ion-releasing compound.

39. (New) The method according to claim 27, wherein the film-forming component is hydroxypropyl cellulose.

40. (New) The method according to claim 27, wherein the composition contains

0.5 to 40 wt.-%	phosphonic acid and/or
1.0 to 40 wt.-%	carboxyl and/or hydroxyl-group-containing polymer and/or
0.5 to 30 wt.-%	of a film-forming component and/or
0.1 to 1.0 wt.-%	fluoride ions and/or
0.1 to 10 wt.-%	potassium ions and
0 to 97.8 wt.-%	solvent.

41. (New) The method according to claim 40, wherein the composition further contains from 0.1 to 1.0 wt.-% flavourings.

42. (New) The method according to claim 40, wherein the solvent is a mixture of ethanol and water.

43. (New) The method according to claim 27, wherein the pH value is in the range of from 2 to 3.